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TITLE OF INVENTION: PRIORITY AWARE MAC FLOW CONTROL

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/693,037	JAIN ET AL.	
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	VENKATESH HALIYUR	2419	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/14/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-70.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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/Venkatesh Haliyur/
Examiner, Art Unit 2419

/Ayaz R. Sheikh/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2419

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1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-70 are allowed over prior art.

The prior art fails to teach and render obvious the features as claimed in independent claims 1,9,16,20,24,28,32-34,42,49,53,57-70,

In claims 1, 34, 57:

“placing in a type/length field in a frame, a value signifying the frame indicates that traffic flow to the network device should be paused, the priority level indicating a relative level of importance of timely delivery of the digital data packet to the network device,

placing in an opcode field in the frame, a value signifying that traffic flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level;

creating a priority mask field in the frame; and

placing in the priority mask field, a value signifying which priority levels should be paused.”

In claims 9, 42, 58:

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“placing in a type/length field in a frame, a value signifying that traffic flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level,

the priority level indicating a relative level of importance of timely delivery of the digital data packet to the network device,

creating a priority mask field in the frame; and

placing in the priority mask field, a value signifying which priority levels should be paused.”

In claims 16, 49, 59:

“examining, in the network device, a value in a type/length field in a frame to determine if it signifies that the frame indicates that traffic flow to the network device should be paused,

examining a value in an opcode field in the frame to determine if it signifies that traffic flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level;

pausing traffic flow to the network device with priority levels corresponding to levels signified by a value in a priority mask field in the frame if the value in the opcode field signified that traffic flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level and if the value in the type/length field signified that the frame indicates that traffic flow to the network device should be paused.”

In claims 20, 53, 60:

“examining, in the network device, a value in a type/length field in a frame to determine if it signifies that the frame indicates that traffic flow to the network device should be paused,

the priority level indicating a relative level of importance of timely delivery of the digital data packet to the network device; and

pausing traffic flow to the network device with priority levels corresponding to levels signified by a value in a priority mask field in the frame if the value in the type/length field signified that traffic flow to a network device should be paused or not paused and that flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level.”

In claims 24:

“a priority level based pause traffic flow value-to-opcode field placer coupled to the pause traffic flow value-to-type/length field placer and configured to place in an opcode field in the frame, a value signifying that traffic flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level;

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a priority mask field creator coupled to the priority level based pause traffic flow value-to- opcode field placer and configured to create a priority mask in the frame; and

a paused priority level value-to-priority mask field placer coupled to the priority mask field creator and configured to place in the priority mask field, a value signifying which priority levels should be paused.”

In claim 28:

“placing in a type/length field in a frame, a value signifying that traffic flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level,

the priority level indicating a relative level of importance of timely delivery of the digital data packet to the network device,

a priority mask field creator coupled to the priority level based pause traffic flow value-to-type/length field placer and configured to create a priority mask field in the frame; and

a paused priority level value-to-priority mask field placer coupled to the priority mask field creator and configured to place in the priority mask field, a value signifying which priority levels should be paused.”

In claim 32:

“an opcode field value examiner coupled to the type/length field value examiner and configured to examine a value in an opcode field in the frame to determine if it signifies that traffic flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level, if the value in the type/length field signified that the frame indicates that traffic flow to the network device should be paused; and

a priority level traffic flow pauser coupled to the opcode field value examiner configured to pause traffic flow to the network device with priority levels corresponding to levels signified by a value in a priority mask field in the frame if the value in the opcode field signified that traffic flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level and if the value in the type/length field signified that the frame indicates that traffic flow to the network device should be paused.”

In claim 33:

“a priority level traffic flow pauser coupled to the type/length field value examiner and configured to pause traffic flow to the network device with priority levels corresponding to levels signified by a value in a priority mask field in the frame if the value in the type/length field signified that traffic flow to a network device should be paused and that traffic flow to

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the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level.”

In claims 61, 68:

“placing in a type/length field in a frame, a value signifying the frame indicates that traffic flow to the network device should be paused, placing in an opcode field in the frame, a value signifying that traffic flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level; and that the pausing will be for time indicated by a pause time field in the frame without regard for the priority level, if it is desired to use the same pause time for each priority level.

creating a priority mask field in the frame; and placing in the priority mask field, a value signifying which priority levels should be paused.”

In claims 62, 67:

“placing in a type/length field in a frame, a value signifying that traffic flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level,

placing in an opcode field in the frame, a value signifying that traffic flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level; the value further indicating that the pausing will be for time indicated by a pause time field in the frame without regard for the priority level, if it is desired to use the same pause time for each priority level.

creating a priority mask field in the frame; and

placing in the priority mask field, a value signifying which priority levels should be paused.”

In claims 63, 69:

“examining a value in an opcode field in the frame to determine if it signifies that traffic flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level; and

examining the value in the opcode field to determine if it also signifies that the pausing will be for time indicated by a pause time field in the frame without regard to priority level;

pausing traffic flow to the network device with priority levels corresponding to levels signified by a value in a priority mask field in the frame if the value in the opcode field signified that traffic flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority

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level and if the value in the type/length field signified that the frame indicates that traffic flow to the network device should be paused; and pausing traffic flow to the network device with priority levels corresponding to levels signified by a value in a priority mask field in the frame for a time period indicated by the pause time field in the frame without regard to priority level if the opcode field signifies that the pausing will be for time indicated by a pause time field in the frame without regard to priority level.”

In claims 64, 70:

“examining a value in an opcode field in the frame to determine if it signifies that the pausing will be for time indicated by a pause time field in the frame without regard to priority level;

pausing traffic flow to the network device with priority levels corresponding to levels signified by a value in a priority mask field in the frame if the value in the type/length field signified that traffic flow to a network device should be paused and that traffic flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level; and

pausing traffic flow to the network device with priority levels corresponding to levels signified by a value in a priority mask field in the frame for a time period indicated by the pause time field in the frame without regard to priority level if the value in the opcode field signifies that the pausing will be for time indicated by a pause time field in the frame without regard to priority level.”

In claim 65:

“a priority level based pause traffic flow value-to-opcode field placer coupled to the pause traffic flow value-to-type/length field placer and configured to place in an opcode field in the frame, a value signifying that traffic flow to the network device should be paused or not paused according to its priority level, and that the pausing will be for time indicated by a pause time field in the frame without regard for the priority level if it is desired to use the same pause time for each priority level.

a priority mask field creator coupled to the priority level based pause traffic flow value-to-opcode field placer and configured to create a priority mask in the frame; and

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a paused priority level value-to-priority mask field placer coupled to the priority mask field creator and configured to place in the priority mask field, a value signifying which priority levels should be paused.”

In claim 66:

“a priority mask field creator coupled to the priority level based pause traffic flow value-to- type/length field placer and configured to create a priority mask field in the frame;

a paused priority level value-to-priority mask field placer coupled to the priority mask field creator and configured to place in the priority mask field, a value signifying which priority levels should be paused; and

a pause time without regard for priority level value-to-opcode field placer coupled to the priority level based pause traffic flow value-to-type/length field placer and configured to place in an opcode field in the frame, a value signifying that the pausing will be for time indicated by a pause time field in the frame without regard for the priority level if it is desired to use the same pause time for each priority.”

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Venkatesh Haliyur whose telephone number is 571-272-8616. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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